

disabled by what standards?

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, on page 3, beginning on line 16, it says "(a) veterans who are totally disabled by a nonmilitary accident or illness, (b) individuals who are paralyzed in both legs such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or wheelchairs, and (c) individuals who have undergone multiple amputation of both lower extremities such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces..."

SENATOR FIRSCH: Okay, thank you, that does say veterans though. That does exclude to veterans. What you are doing is to add all persons? No, it includes more than veterans, that is what I wanted to get?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes. We are adding no new claimants, no new claimants that weren't already included in the legislation. We are simply raising the criteria in the legislation to conform to that criteria as amended by Senator Johnson for military people who were disabled while in the service of the military.

SENATOR FIRSCH: So in other words, these people are getting complete...or the 35,000 at this time, is that correct?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, ma'am, (interruption).

SENATOR FIRSCH: The amendments that we put on before then limited them very severely according to the income. What you are saying is that we are going to adjust this income upward because disabled people do have special and costly additions to their living.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you. That is exactly right. If you will look on the bottom of page 4 and the top of page 5, those totals are amended to conform to the numbers as found beginning on line 9 on page 6. So it simply amends page 4 and 5 to include those numbers.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Lynch. This does alleviate some of my concern that we would take those who had been using this to perhaps build ramps to accommodate their disabilities, and I thank you for bringing this amendment. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.